

Plant list of the Botany Dept Pune 11 Oct 2003

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Dr Kinkar (Japanese expert) showed me around

1. Avacado Tree (near the entrance to the garden)
2. Lagasca mollis (weed) compositae, with a bunch (punj) of white small flowers
3. Ganesh Vel
4. Trigonella (flowers like pea)
5. Cylandrella (weed with small yellow flowers)
6. Efidra (a leafless creeper next to the glass house). This is the source of Ephidrine
7. Vitex Quadrangularis (hathjod)
8. Aeroclon (monocot)
9. Chlorophytum (safed mooli)
10. Lygodium
11. Ageratum conyzoides (blue mop)
12. Garcinia indica (kokam trees)
13. Fern Tree
14. Ramphal
15. Raffia Palm (some 25-30 species of Palm trees because Dr. Mahabale – the founder of the Botany Department was a palm specialist.
16. Crotalaria – First land plant
17. Ficus religiosa
18. Amroha rohita
19. Akkalkadha – to help children talk
20. Mentha
21. Mappia (Cancer Drug) \$500 per kg in Japan
22. Betula or Birch (Bhojpatra)
23. Anthocephalus cadamba
24. Gardenia (Dikemali or Madanbaan). Young women are attracted to the aromatic flowers of this bush.
25. Baheda
26. Aonla
27. Terminalia tomentosa (Arjun)
28. Tikomaria (just like the candle tree in Lalbagh, Bangalore) near the entrance
29. Bombax elliptica (Dr. Mahajan wrote about this tree in Sakal)